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REMARKS

Applicants have received and reviewed an Office Action dated March 10, 2006.

Claims 1, 3-28 are amended. Claims 2 and 29-30 are canceled without prejudice. Claims 31-42 are new. No new matter has been added. Claims 1, 3-28 and 31-42 are pending. Applicants submit that the pending claims are supported by the specification and original claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate limitations recited in original claim 2. Claim 3 has been amended to incorporate limitations recited in original claim 1. Claims 4-28 have been editorially amended. New claim 31 incorporates limitations recited in original claim 4. New claims 32 and 33 incorporate limitations recited in original claims 7 and 8 respectively. New claims 34, 35, 41 and 42 incorporate limitations recited in original claims 9 and 10 respectively. New claims 36 and 37 incorporate limitations recited in original claims 11 and 12 respectively. New claim 38 incorporates limitations recited in original claim 25. New claim 39 incorporates limitations recited in original claim 28. New claim 40 incorporates limitations recited in original claim 3. Amendments to the claims are supported at least by the original claims and the specification. No new matter has been added.

For the reasons given below, Applicants submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Specification

The specification has been amended editorially. In particular R is defined as propen-1-yl, as supported at least at page 8, lines 1-6. No new matter has been added.

Claim Objections:

Claims 6, 7, 8, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24 and 28 are objected to for minor informalities. Claims 6, 7, 8, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24 and 28 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Withdrawal of this objection is requested.

Abstract Objections:

The Abstract is objected to for minor informalities. The Abstract has been amended. No new matter has been added. Withdrawal of this objection is requested.

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35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claims 1-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claims 1 and 3-27 have been amended taking into consideration the Examiner's suggestions. Accordingly, these claims fully comply with 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraph

Claims 2-3 and 5-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claim 2 has been incorporated into claim 1. Claims 1 and 3 have been amended to recite "a suitable acylating agent" as supported at least by the second full paragraph of page 21, the first full paragraph of page 22 and original claims 9 and 10.

The present application provides general and specific examples of "suitable acylating agents". See pg. 21, [0002]; pg. 22, [0001]. One of skill in the art would clearly recognize and understand the term "suitable acylating agents" from the extensive discussion and characteristics of the "suitable acylating agents" presented at pg. 21 [0002] and pg. 22 [0001] of the present application. The claims are enabled for "a suitable acylating agent".

Accordingly, these claims fully comply with 35 U.S.C. 112, first and second paragraph, and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 4, 25-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by *Deshpande et al.* (US 6,903,211). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claims 2 and 3 are not subject to this rejection. Claim 1 is amended to incorporate limitations recited in claim 2. Claim 3 is amended to incorporate limitations recited in original claim 1. Therefore, this rejection no longer applies.

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Accordingly, based on the foregoing differences, Applicants respectfully submit that the *Deshpande et al.* neither teaches nor suggests the presently claimed invention and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.


Conclusion

In summary, Applicant submits that each of claims 1, 3-28 and 31-42 is in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below, if the Examiner believes that doing so will expedite prosecution of this patent.

Respectfully submitted,

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